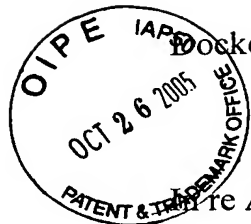


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HANDS-FREE STYLIST STAND

The present invention relates to a stand and more particularly, relates to a stand for use with a hand held hair dryer.

The use of stands for hair dryers is well known in the prior art. Such stands have been designed to hold various types of hair dryers and consist of various structural arrangements. However, many of these stands are not suitable for use with certain types of dryers, in particular those dryers which are heavier than normal.

By way of example, the U.S. Patent 6,199,805 discloses a vertically adjustable pole or tube, a flexible neck, and a holder located at the end. However, without supplemental braces, the heavier type of hair dryer would tend to sag. Similarly, U.S. Patent 5,937,537 discloses a stand for a hair dryer which includes an adjustable neck. Again, with a heavier or larger dryer, the tendency of the dryer would be to sag.

It is accordingly an object of the present invention to provide a support suitable for a hair dryer or like device.

According to the present invention, there is provided an apparatus suitable for holding a hair dryer. The device is suitable for use by both humans in styling one's own hair and/or for third party use. Thus, using the device, one is able to both blow dry and style the hair at the same time leaving both hands free to handle the brush and hair without having to stop the hair blower, putting it down, picking up the next piece of hair to dry and style, etc. The device is also suitable for use by animal groomers and the like.

Having thus described the invention, reference will be made to the accompanying drawings illustrating embodiments thereof, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hands-free stylist stand according to the present

invention;

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 illustrating movement of the swivel swing arm;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a hair dryer holder for use with the present invention;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modification of the holder;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the top portion of the hands-free stylist apparatus incorporating the hair blower holder; and

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the hair blower holder with a hair blower placed therein.

Referring to the drawings in greater detail and by reference characters thereto, there is illustrated in Figure 1 a hands-free stylist stand for use in the present invention and which is generally designated by reference numeral 10.

Apparatus 10 includes a lower tube 12 and an upper tube 14 which are designed to operate in a telescoping manner as indicated by arrow 15. To this end, there is provided a locking device 20 permitting the telescopic movement and the locking in place of the two tubes at a desired height. Lower tube 12 is mounted on a plurality of feet 16 which may have pads or wheels 18 associated therewith.

At the upper end, upper tube 14 includes a cap 22 which is designed to receive a swivel arm 24. As will be appreciated, swivel arm 24 is mounted by member 25 such that it can rotate through 360 degrees.

Mounted at the distal end of swivel arm 24 is a goose neck 26 which in turn carries an adaptor 28.

The hair dryer holder, according to one embodiment of the present invention, is generally designated by reference numeral 30. Holder 30 has a holster portion generally designated by reference numeral 32 and a cradle portion generally designated by reference numeral 34.

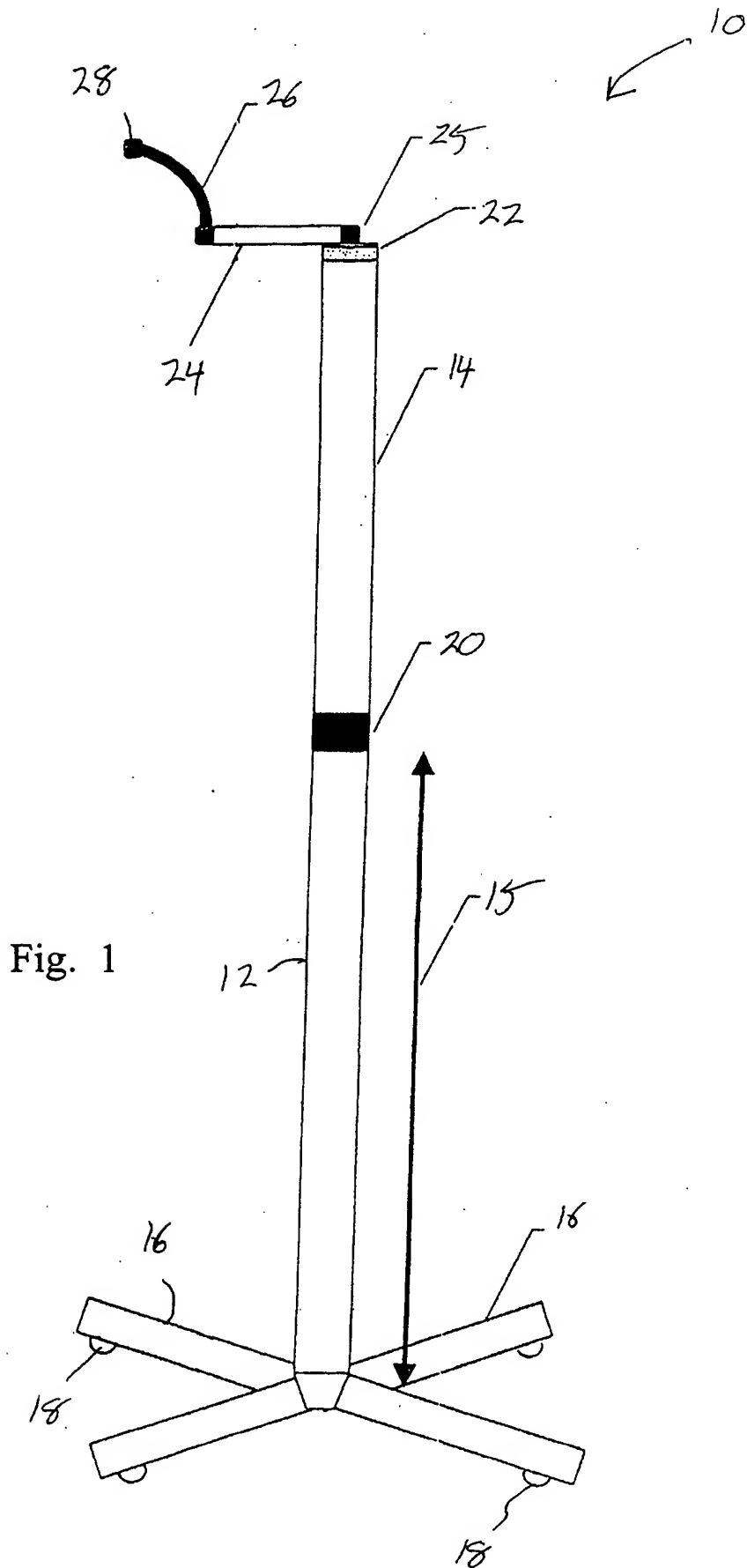
Holster portion 32, as may be best seen in Figure 3, is made of a wire type structure and to this end, includes a circular upper rim 36 and a circular lower rim 38 which are connected together by a plurality of vertical members 44. A solid portion 40 extends between upper rim 36 and lower rim 38 and includes an aperture 42 formed therein and which is sized to receive adaptor 28 on goose neck 26.

The cradle portion 34 is formed of a first U-shaped section comprised of arms 46 and 48. Arms 46 and 48 merge with parallel members 50 and 52 respectively and finally terminate in a second U-shaped portion formed of arms 54 and 56.

In the embodiment shown in Figure 4, solid portions may be provided and in such an instance, openings 58 are provided to allow access to the controls on the hair dryer.

As seen in Figures 5 and 6, a hair dryer H may be placed such that the barrel 60 is supported by cradle portion 34 with handled 62 supported by holster 30.

It will be understood that the above described embodiment is for purposes of illustration only and that changes and modifications may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.



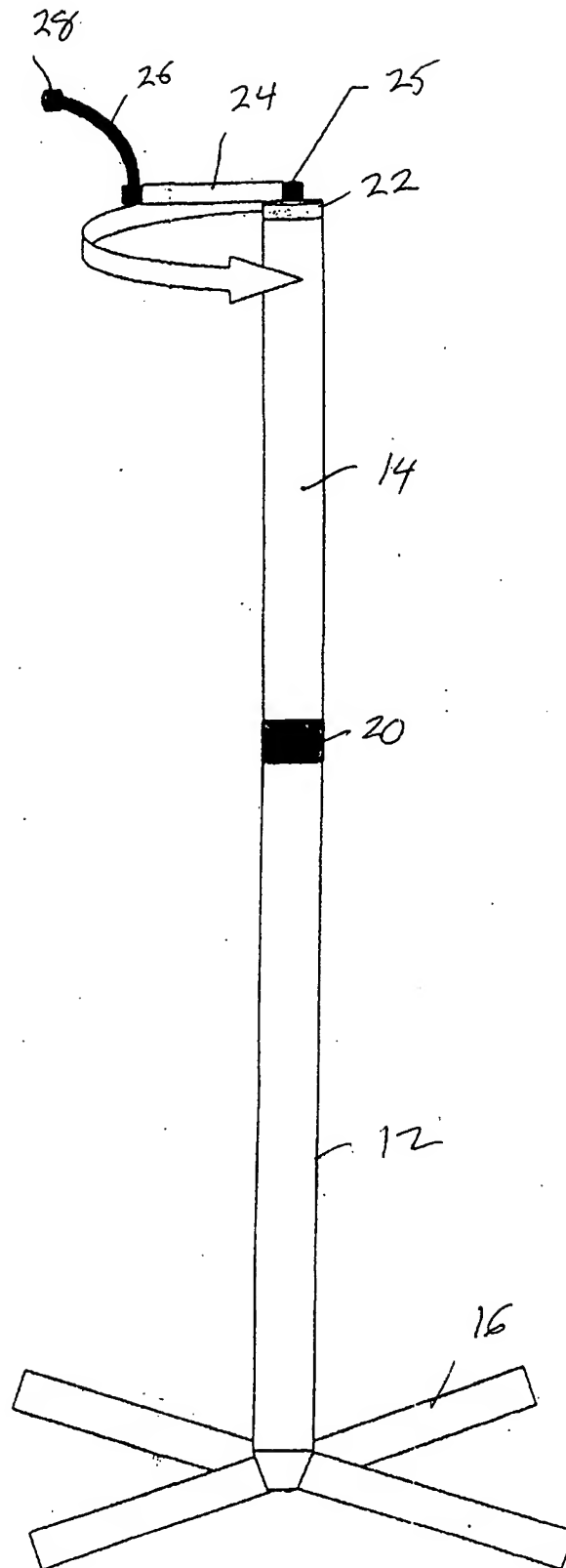


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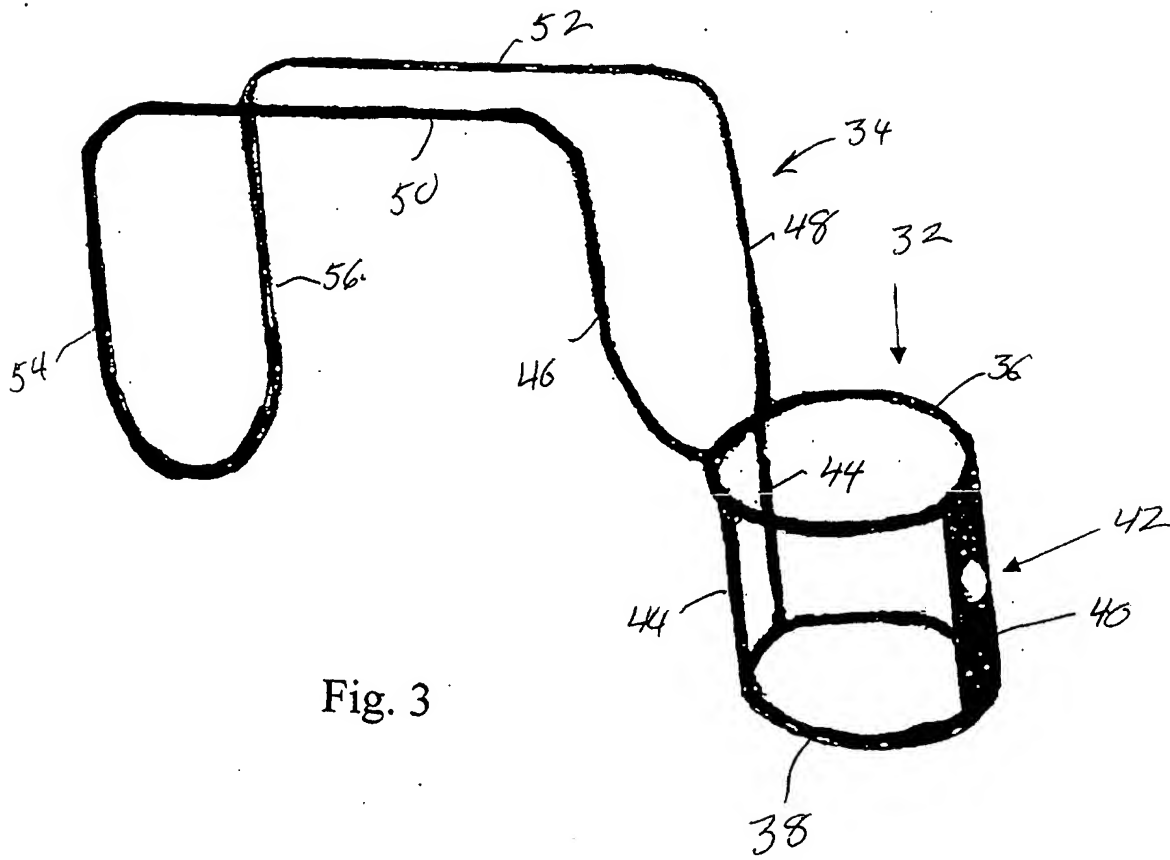


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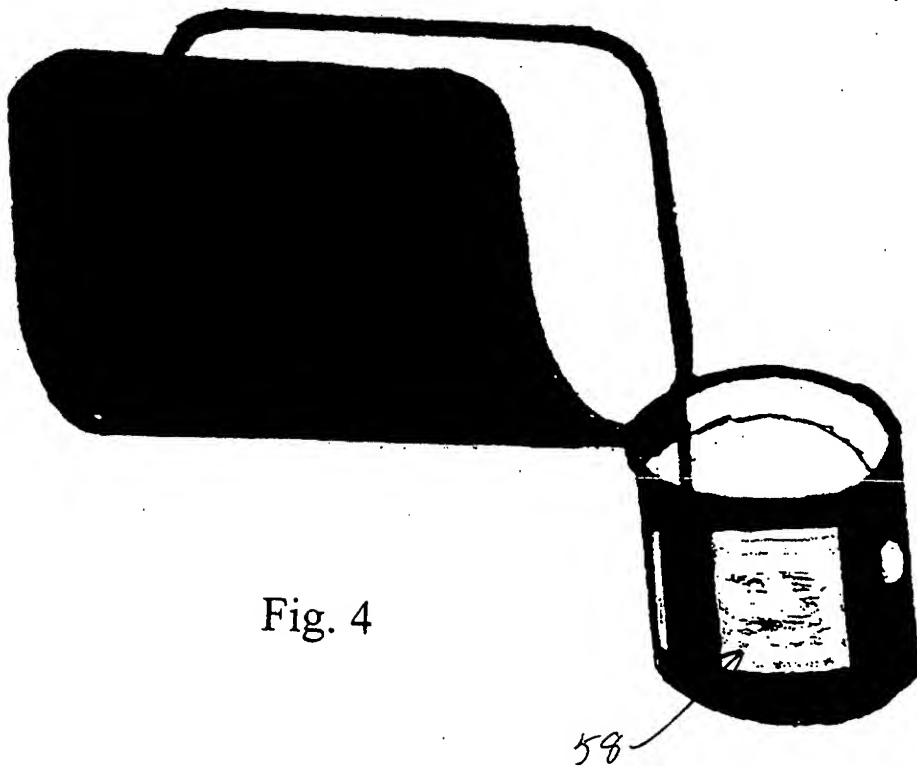


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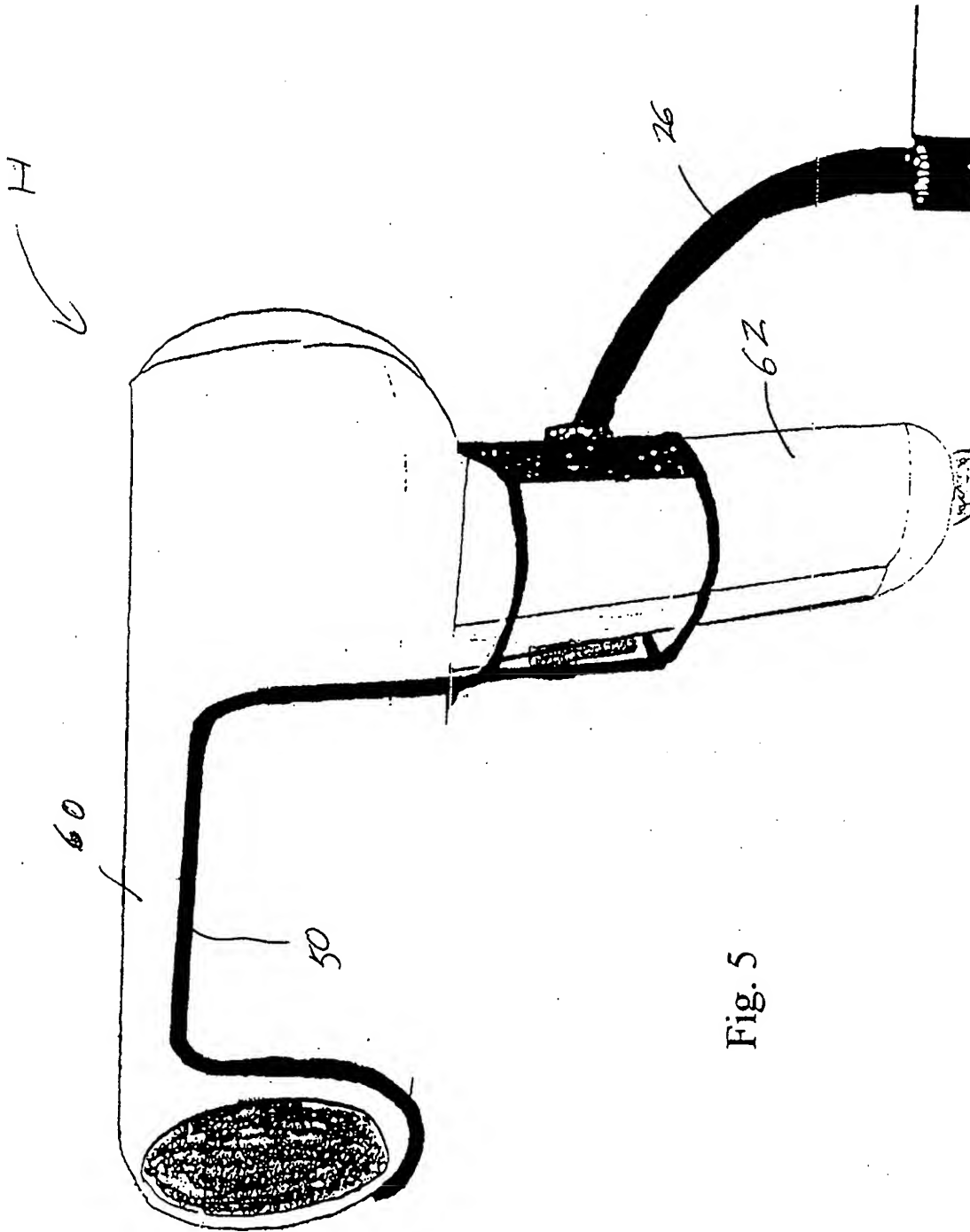


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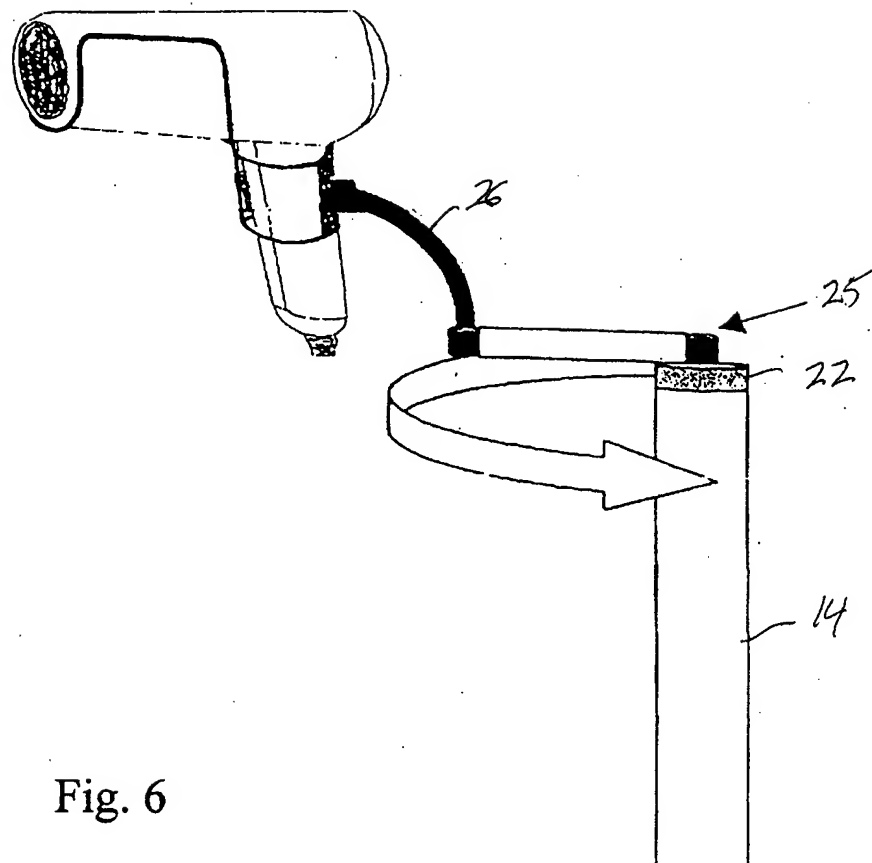


Fig. 6